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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH CERTIFICATES AND BURIAL PERMITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-62b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2006*):

4 (a) A death certificate for each death [which] that occurs in this state
5 shall be completed in its entirety and filed with the registrar of vital
6 statistics in the town in which the death occurred no later than five
7 days after death if filing a paper certificate and no later than three days
8 after death if filing through an electronic death registry system, in
9 order to obtain a burial permit prior to final disposition. The death
10 certificate shall be registered if properly filed. If the place of death is
11 unknown but the body is found in this state, the death certificate shall
12 be completed and filed in accordance with this section, provided the
13 place where the body is found shall be shown as the place of death.
14 The registrar shall maintain a log of death certificates filed in the town,
15 which shall include a notation as to when the registrar received a copy
16 of the burial permit, as endorsed by the sexton.

17 Sec. 2. Section 7-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

19 The sexton of a cemetery shall specify on the burial permit the place
20 of burial, by section, lot or grave, or other place of interment. No
21 additional burial or burial transit removal permit shall be required for
22 a body that is placed temporarily in a receiving vault of any cemetery
23 and subsequently buried in the same cemetery. In each case herein
24 provided for, the sexton of such cemetery shall endorse upon the
25 burial permit the date when the body was placed in the temporary
26 receiving vault, and the date when and the place where such body was
27 subsequently buried. The sexton shall send a copy of the burial transit
28 removal permit to the registrar of vital statistics who filed the death
29 certificate for such body and shall also include a statement of the same
30 in the monthly returns to the registrar. [of vital statistics.] If such
31 subsequent burial is to be in any cemetery other than the cemetery
32 where the body was temporarily deposited or if the body is to be
33 cremated, the sexton shall return the burial permit to the issuing
34 registrar, who shall thereupon issue the necessary permits. Any person
35 who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than
36 five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than five years.

37 Sec. 3. Section 20-230c of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes
38 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *October 1, 2006*):

40 (a) If the person who has custody and control of the remains of a
41 deceased person pursuant to section 45a-318, as amended, requests the
42 disposal of the deceased body by cremation or if the deceased had
43 executed a cremation authorization form in accordance with the
44 provisions of said section 45a-318, as amended, the funeral director
45 shall complete a written form containing the following information: (1)
46 The name and address of the funeral service business that is
47 responsible for the disposal of the deceased body; (2) the name of the
48 deceased; (3) the place and time of the cremation; (4) the name of the

49 licensed funeral director or embalmer; (5) the name and address of the
 50 person who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased; (6)
 51 a summary of the disposition, in accordance with section 20-230d, of
 52 the cremated remains, if unclaimed; and (7) a statement indicating the
 53 disposition of the cremated remains requested by the person who has
 54 custody and control of the remains of the deceased or a statement
 55 indicating the deceased had executed a cremation authorization form
 56 in accordance with the provisions of section 45a-318, as amended. The
 57 written form shall be signed and dated by the person who has custody
 58 and control of the remains of the deceased and the funeral director. A
 59 copy of the signed form shall be provided to the person who has
 60 custody and control of the remains of the deceased. The original
 61 signed form shall be retained at the funeral service business for not less
 62 than twenty years from the date on which it was signed by the person
 63 who has custody and control of the remains of the deceased.

64 (b) Upon completion of disposition of the cremated remains, the
 65 funeral director shall record, on a form approved by the Connecticut
 66 Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, the following
 67 information: (1) The date of cremation and the name and location of
 68 the crematory, (2) the date, location and manner of disposition of the
 69 cremated remains, and (3) the signature of the person making the
 70 disposition of the cremated remains. Such form shall be retained at the
 71 funeral service business and shall also be filed with the registrar of
 72 vital statistics of the town in which the death occurred as part of the
 73 death certificate filed pursuant to section 7-62b, as amended by this
 74 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	7-62b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	7-66
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-230c

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that registrars of vital statistics maintain accurate records on the manner of disposal of the remains of deceased persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]